



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held September 5, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Supervisor Antonovich's recommendation to direct the Chief of Protocol to evaluate the feasibility and appropriateness of establishing a Sister-County relationship with the Municipality of Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), using the guidelines prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Office of Protocol; and direct the Chief of Protocol to inform the Dubai volunteer committee that they are to be responsible for developing, managing and funding, with private monies, all projects and activities required to fulfill the obligations of a Memorandum of Understanding prior to any Friendship Committee Agreement which may occur in the future between the County and the Municipality of Dubai, UAE.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"A group of leading community members of Los Angeles County, representing diverse fields, under the leadership of Ms. Raana Hasnat, have expressed an interest in forming a committee to explore, encourage and facilitate a Sister-County relationship between Los Angeles County and Dubai of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"For the past two generations, the governing leadership of the UAE has successfully patterned the growth of their Country after the Western World. Los Angeles County may benefit from a relationship with this part of the world where we have no Sister-County relationship. The Municipality of Dubai has informed the Los Angeles community group that they are particularly interested in the exchange of ideas as it relates to business and industry, arts and culture, tourism and trade missions, medicine and science and education."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Burke, Knabe and Antonovich; Noes: None; Abstentions: Supervisor Yaroslavsky, the Chief of Protocol was directed to:

1. Explore the feasibility and appropriateness of establishing a Sister-County relationship with the Municipality of Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), using the guidelines prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Office of Protocol;
2. In consultation with County Counsel, prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the possible areas of mutual benefit to be explored; with this MOU to be preliminary to any Friendship Agreement that might occur in the future between Los Angeles County and the Municipality of Dubai, UAE; and
3. Inform the Dubai volunteer committee that they are to be responsible for developing, managing and funding, with private monies, all projects and activities required to fulfill the obligations of the Memorandum of Understanding.

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